

Section 13-218(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 17-401 and 17-402 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Notice of
Political Contributions"
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

30-1.

(a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Business" means any one or combination of sales, purchases, leases, or contracts, involving consideration of [\$10,000] \$100,000 or more on a cumulative basis entered into during the twelve months immediately preceding the end of the reporting period for which the statement required under this subtitle is filed. If an agreement calls for the consideration to be paid over a period extending beyond one reporting period, the total ascertainable consideration to be paid under the agreement shall be included as business done during the period in which the agreement was entered into. Business of less than [\$10,000] \$100,000 with an agency or governmental entity shall be reported if the aggregate business done with all agencies and governmental entities amounts to more than [\$10,000] \$100,000. Business does not include salaries paid by the State, a county, an incorporated municipality, or other political subdivision of the State.

(c) "Business entity" includes a firm, corporation, trust, unincorporated association, or other organization, whether or not conducted for profit.

(d) "Candidate" includes an incumbent office holder and a political committee for a candidate.

(e) "Contribution" means any gift, donation, or payment of money in excess of [\$100] \$500. It includes the purchase of a ticket or tickets, or payment for admission to a dinner, barbecue, fish fry, or other like event. It does not include a bona fide gift by a spouse or relative within the third degree of consanguinity, or to honorary memberships in a social, service, or fraternal organization presented as a courtesy by the organization.

(f) "County" includes the City of Baltimore.

(g) "Person" includes an individual and a business entity.

(h) "State", "county", and "incorporated municipality" include agencies of them.